

# Press Release



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## ***Center Community Club Receives Arts Grant***

In support of their effort to provide arts programming in their community, the Center Community Club applied for and was awarded a \$705 Community Arts Access grant by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The Center Community Club was among 19 recipients of Community Arts Access funding. This community-based, state-funded grant program is designed to benefit artists and organizations that present arts programs in communities of all sizes that make special efforts to serve special constituencies or minority groups. A total of \$28,140 was awarded during the council's spring grant round.

The grant will provide funds to help the Center Community Club with expenses associated with the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri River Bluegrass Festival at Cross Ranch State Park. "The grant will help us to continue to bring in top bluegrass performers from around the country," says Dave Leite, board member. "This is a world class event brought to small town America."

The Missouri River Bluegrass Festival began with a few local and regional performers in 1991. The popularity of the event quickly allowed the addition of nationally known performers to the line-up. Talented performers from the region still grace the stage such as the Center Community Band and the Pfliger Sisters, who have performed yearly.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The postmark deadline for the next round of Community Arts Access grants is November 1, 2005. For more information, visit the Council on the Arts Web site at [www.DiscoverND.com/arts](http://www.DiscoverND.com/arts), or contact them directly at [comserv@state.nd.us](mailto:comserv@state.nd.us) or 701-328-7594.

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